(b) Compensation as applicable from time to time is paid to the next of kin of the soldiers killed. This includes liberalised family pension equal to the last reckonable emoluments drawn by the deceased soldier, death gratuity at varying rates depending upon number of years of service rendered, family gratuity at specific rates depending upon the rank held by the personnel, and ex-gratia compensation and other benefits.

(c) Information is being collected.

Recruitment in Army and Paramilitary Forces in Punjab

*195. SHRI GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the number of persons recruited from Punjab in Army and other Central Paramilitary forces during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The number of persons from Punjab recruited in Army during the last three years is as under:—

Army

Year	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Number of persons recruited	4394	3740	6071

As per information received from Ministry of Home Affairs, the number of persons from Punjab, recruited to the Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) is as under:—

Name of CPMF	1997	1998	1999
Border Security Force (BSF)	061	150	094
Central Reserved Police Force (CRPF)	053	092	134
Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)	053	016	047
Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	03	0	043
Assam Rifles (AR)	0	154	065

Expenditure incurred on SRSS under RGDWM

*196. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has spent crores on a "Software Requirement Specification Study" (SRSS) under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission for planning, monitoring and execution of rural water schemes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether a tender procedure was adopted before awarding SRSS and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether HCL Infosystems Ltd. Noida have been favoured in the project in connivance with some officials; and

(e) if so, whether Government would entrust the case to CBI or CVC for thorough probe and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) The Government decided to